Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application (material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in strikeout or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]]. All claims canceled are canceled without prejudice.

1-16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) A fluent material confinement system configured to receive a granular fluent solid to form a temporary barrier structure, the fluent material confinement system comprising:

a plurality strips, the plurality of strips including a plurality of lengthwise strips and a plurality of widthwise strips coupled with each other to define a plurality of open cells, wherein each strip of the plurality of strips has opposing ends, and wherein each end has a perimeter; and

at least one connecting structure formed in an end of a selected strip, the connecting structure being configured to be coupled to a complementary connecting structure on an adjacent fluent material confinement system to connect the fluent material confinement system to the adjacent fluent material confinement system, wherein the connecting structure includes a tongue formed in the end of the selected strip at a location spaced from the perimeter of the end of the selected strip, wherein the tongue is formed

Page 2 – AMENDMENT; Serial No. 10/633,297 from a slot formed in the end of the selected strip at a location spaced from the perimeter of the end of the selected strip, and wherein the tongue is configured to fit within a complementary slot on the adjacent fluent material confinement system.

- 18. (Previously Presented) The fluent material confinement system of claim 17, wherein the slot has a generally "U"-shaped configuration.
- 19. (Original) The fluent material confinement system of claim 17, wherein each lengthwise strip has opposing ends, and wherein each end of each lengthwise strip includes a connecting structure.

20-30. (Canceled)

- 31. (New) The fluent material confinement system of claim 17, wherein the plurality of lengthwise strips are coupled to the plurality of widthwise strips in such a manner that the fluent material confinement system is movable between an open configuration and a collapsed configuration, further comprising a deployment indicator disposed on a selected strip, wherein the deployment indicator is configured to be effective in low visibility conditions to indicate to a user how to move the grid between the open configuration and the collapsed configuration.
- 32. (New) The fluent material confinement system of claim 31, wherein each strip of the plurality of strips has a width, wherein at least one selected strip has a greater width than the other strips, and wherein the deployment indicator is disposed on the selected strip.

- 33. (New) The fluent material confinement system of claim 32, wherein two selected strips have greater widths than the other strips of the plurality of strips, and where each of the selected strips includes a deployment indicator.
- 34. (New) The fluent material confinement system of claim 31, wherein the deployment indicator is configured to visually enhance a portion of the selected strip.
- 35. (New) The fluent material confinement system of claim 34, wherein the deployment indicator includes a reflective portion.
- 36. (New) The fluent material confinement system of claim 34, wherein the deployment indicator includes a directionally indicating portion disposed at least partially within the reflective portion.
- 37. (New) The fluent material confinement system of claim 34, wherein the deployment indicator includes an indication of where to grip the selected strip for deployment of the fluent material confinement system.
- 38. (New) The fluent material confinement system of claim 17, further comprising an orientation indicator disposed on a selected strip of the plurality of strips, wherein the orientation indicator is configured to be effective in low visibility conditions to indicate to a user an orientation of the fluent material confinement system.
- 39. (New) The fluent material confinement system of claim 17, wherein the plurality of strips are formed at least partially from at least material selected from the group consisting of PET (poly(ethylene terephthalate)), PETG (a copolyester of 1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol-modified poly(ethylene terephthalate), PCTG (poly(1,4-

cyclohexanedimethylene terephthalate)), polyvinyl chloride, polycarbonates, and bisphenol A polycarbonate.

40. (New) A fluent material confinement system configured to receive a granular fluent solid to form a temporary barrier structure, the fluent material confinement system comprising:

a plurality strips, the plurality of strips including a plurality of lengthwise strips and a plurality of widthwise strips coupled with each other to define a plurality of open cells, wherein each strip of the plurality of strips has opposing ends, and wherein each end has a perimeter;

at least one connecting structure formed in an end of a selected strip, the connecting structure being configured to be coupled to a complementary connecting structure on an adjacent fluent material confinement system to connect the fluent material confinement system to the adjacent fluent material confinement system, wherein the connecting structure includes a tongue formed in the end of the selected strip at a location spaced from the perimeter of the end of the selected strip, wherein the tongue is formed from a slot formed in the end of the selected strip at a location spaced from the perimeter of the end of the selected strip at a location spaced from the perimeter of the end of the selected strip, and wherein the tongue is configured to fit within a complementary slot on the adjacent fluent material confinement system; and

a deployment indicator disposed on a selected strip, wherein the deployment indicator is configured to be effective in low visibility conditions to indicate to a user how to move the grid between the open configuration and the collapsed configuration.

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- (New) The fluent material confinement system of claim 38, wherein each 41. strip of the plurality of strips has a width, wherein at least one selected strip has a greater width than the other strips, and wherein the deployment indicator is disposed on the selected strip.
- (New) A fluent material confinement system configured to receive a 42. granular fluent solid to form a temporary barrier structure, the fluent material confinement system comprising:

a plurality strips, the plurality of strips including a plurality of lengthwise strips and a plurality of widthwise strips coupled with each other to define a plurality of open cells, wherein each strip of the plurality of strips has opposing ends, and wherein each end has a perimeter;

at least one connecting structure formed in an end of a selected strip, the connecting structure being configured to be coupled to a complementary connecting structure on an adjacent fluent material confinement system to connect the fluent material confinement system to the adjacent fluent material confinement system, wherein the connecting structure includes a tongue formed in the end of the selected strip at a location spaced from the perimeter of the end of the selected strip, wherein the tongue is formed from a slot formed in the end of the selected strip at a location spaced from the perimeter of the end of the selected strip, and wherein the tongue is configured to fit within a complementary slot on the adjacent fluent material confinement system; and

Page 6 -AMENDMENT; Serial No. 10/633,297 an orientation indicator disposed on a selected strip of the plurality of strips, wherein the orientation indicator is configured to be effective in low visibility conditions to indicate to a user an orientation of the fluent material confinement system.

- 43. (New) The fluent material confinement system of claim 40, the fluent material confinement system having a corner, wherein the orientation indicator is located at the corner of the fluent material confinement system.
- 44. (New) The fluent material confinement system of claim 40, wherein the fluent material confinement system is a first fluent material confinement system, and wherein the orientation indicator is configured to be aligned with an orientation indicator of a second fluent material confinement system when the second fluent material confinement system is stacked on the first fluent material confinement system.